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Continuation of Application
No. 09/127,382

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MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS USING
LIQUID CRYSTALS

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows.

(1). At page 1, beneath the title please add:

--Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/127,382, filed on July 31, 1998, which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/092,453, filed on June 5, 1998, now abandoned, the disclosures of both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety for all purposes.--

(2). At page 9, please delete the paragraph (lines 21-27) and replace it with the following: